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RE: Cardinal Maida to Ordain Msgr. Daniel Flores as Auxiliary Bishop

Monsignor Daniel E. Flores will be ordained as an auxiliary bishop for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, November 29, in Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, 9844 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

Cardinal Adam Maida, archbishop of Detroit, will be the principal consecrator. Bishop Edmond Carmody of the Diocese of Corpus Christi, Texas, and Bishop Rene Gracida, bishop emeritus of Corpus Christi, will be co-consecrators. Detroit's auxiliary bishops will concelebrate the Mass.

Bishop-elect Flores, 45, was born in Palacios, Texas, baptized in Zapata, Texas, and grew up in Corpus Christi. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Corpus Christi in January 1988 and has served the diocese in a number of capacities, including as rector of Corpus Christi Cathedral and as chancellor. Bishop-elect Flores also served in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston at St. Mary's Seminary and on the teaching faculty at the University of St. Thomas School of Theology.

The ordination ceremony will include a reading of the Apostolic Letter; an examination of the candidate; the laying on of hands; the imposition of the Book of Gospels; the prayer of consecration; the anointing of the bishop's head; the presentation of the Book of Gospels; and the investiture with ring, miter, and pastoral staff.

The cardinal indicates the new bishop's ministry will include a special focus on the Hispanic concerns in the Archdiocese of Detroit. He will join Bishops Earl Boyea, John Quinn, and Francis Reiss, and retired Bishops Moses Anderson, SSE, Thomas Gumbleton, and Walter Schoenherr in helping to meet the needs of the 1.3 million Catholics in the six-county Archdiocese of Detroit under the leadership of Cardinal Maida.

Additional information about Bishop Flores, including a press kit containing the Mass booklet, Bishop Flores' remarks, Cardinal Maida's remarks, photos of Bishop Flores, biographical information, and statistical data will be distributed at the ordination and will be available Wednesday afternoon at www.AODonline.org.

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Reporters, photographers, and videographers are invited to cover the ordination. Blessed Sacrament Cathedral is located at 9844 Woodward Avenue, between Grand Boulevard and Davison, in Detroit. Press kits will be available from members of the public relations staff, who will be on hand at the cathedral to offer assistance. Broadcast outlets are asked to use the audio-video multibox that will be available at the southeast corner of the cathedral.

The Catholic Television Network of Detroit (CTND) will be taping the ordination ceremony for broadcast at a later date. There will be an official archdiocesan still photographer on duty. He will have privileged access to the sanctuary. Media representatives are asked to maintain proper decorum during the ordination and not consistently block the view of people seated in the pews or the CTND television cameras.